GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3453
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DEATH OF CROCODILES IN MYSORE ZOO
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Two crocodils die of suffocation in Mysore Zoo` appearing in the Times of India dated October 13, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the carelessness by the various Zoo authorities in maintaining healthy atmosphere have again highlighted the cause of the incident; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government against the responsible persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS(SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. One caiman crocodile died on 8-10-2000 in Mysore Zoo. The crocodile in all probability died because of infection from polluted sewer water entering the enclosure due to heavy rains and clogging of city sewage system which was beyond the control of zoo authorities.

(c) Does not arise.